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TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

- Date and Time of Meeting:** 13 October, 2015, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Name of Organization:** State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- Place of Meeting:** Nevada State Health Division  
4150 Technology  
Conference Room 303  
Carson City, NV 89706
- Teleconference Number:** 1-888-273-3658 – Access Code: 5658062
- Places of Video-Conference:** Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103  
Elko, NV 89801
- Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
1210 South Valley View, Suite 104  
Las Vegas, NV 89102
1. Julieta Mendoza opened the meeting at 1:40 pm and requested a cultural opening which was given by Daryl Crawford.
  2. Introductions
    - ❖ There were no Chairpersons present in Carson City, Elko or Las Vegas or on the telephone
    - ❖ There were no Vice-Chairpersons present in Carson City, Elko, Las Vegas or on the telephone
    - ❖ ITCN Representation – Daryl Crawford
    - ❖ IHS Representation – No representation
    - ❖ Tribal Clinic Director – No representation

- ❖ Division State – Tribal Liaisons
  - Jon Kirwan – Division of Public & Behavioral Health
  - Jill Bernston – Aging & Disability Services Division
  - Julieta Mendoza – Director's Office DHHS
  - Shannon Sprout – Division of Health Care Financing & Policy
  - Fran Maldonado – Division of Child & Family Services
- ❖ Nevada Indian Commission Representation – No representation

### 3. Consultations

Julieta Mendoza stated that the purpose of the consultations is to be informative and less formal than the morning meeting.

- ❖ Aging and Disabilities Services Division
  - Jill Bernston provided an overview of ADSD's programs and services across the lifespan. She provided a handout with contact information. Daryl Crawford will distribute the handout to tribal leaders.
- ❖ Division of Children and Family Services
  - Fran Maldonado with the Division of Child & Family Services discussed the request for a list of resources. They are currently working on updating the list. She recommended that people go to the website for resources for Indian Child Welfare. She also had a brochure on children's mental health. She will also be going out to visit with the different tribes.
  - Daryl Crawford discussed Indian Child Welfare meeting and that Fran introduced herself to the social workers and how Fran will be following up on that meeting.
- ❖ Division of Public and Behavior Health
  - Jon Kirwan introduced Garrison Nutt who has a background in behavioral health and is a psychotherapist.
  - Garrison Nutt gave discussed his research background and SAMSA.
  - Jon Kirwan announced that Cody Phinney is now the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
  - Jon Kirwan announced that Julia Peek is now the Deputy of Community Services for DPBH.
  - Julia discussed resources for children, suicide prevention and other resources.
  - Daryl Crawford discussed that Julieta Mendoza has met with the tribal leaders and health directors and will continue to assist them. He also discussed the tribal WIC program and that they have a new program director. He also discussed several school statistics.
  - Jon Kirwan introduced Tom Durante who discussed access to in-patient tribal care and solutions he is bringing to the table.
- ❖ Department of Health and Human Services
  - Julieta Mendoza gave an update on what she has been working on for the past three months: tribal consultation contact list, getting tribal consultation processes signed, meeting with tribes, tribal health and board meetings, and tribal representation on different committees.

### 4. Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion/Presentation

- Melanie Flores discussed their group and programs – chronic disease: tobacco, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, COPD, stroke, obesity, HIV, and school health programs. She also discussed community health workers.
- Daryl Crawford asked Monty Williams if the final data was rolled out to the directors – it should be final by the end of October. He also discussed setting up meetings with Intertribal of Arizona.
- Monica Morales discussed chronic disease prevention and health promotion, Nevada tribal health community assessment, and community health workers.

5. DHHS Director's office tribal consultation frequency

Julietta Mendoza stated that this item was put on the agenda due to the number of no shows for these meetings. She asked for suggestions on frequency.

- Daryl Crawford agreed that it is difficult to get the tribal leadership to attend this meeting. He suggested sending reminder e-mails to remind people of the date and time of the meeting.
- Shannon Sprout suggested alternate dates such as a Wednesday or Thursday instead of Tuesday. She suggested surveying the tribal leaders.
- Other suggestions: additional outreach, providing information on what will be presented, additional reminders, send out a survey.
- Rev. Augustin Jorquez recommended inviting other people such as health directors to the meetings. He also suggested that due to the travel time for the tribal leaders that perhaps lunch or at least drinks and snacks be provided at these meetings.

6. Review Draft Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2015

- Daryl Crawford stated that he had reviewed the minutes and had no corrections or changes. The minutes were approved and will be posted to the website.

7. Public Comments

- Rev. Augustin Jorquez stated that he does a lot of hospital visitations and has observed that diabetes doesn't just effect seniors, but young people as well. He has also observed that there is high rate of heart disease and cancer among tribal people. The suicide rate is twice as high nationally, especially with young people. He said there is no easy answer, but that we need to work together to find solutions. He said that the State is doing a good job, but if there isn't staff to make visits to people that surveys are helpful.
- Monty Williams wanted to announce that he sat on a board of directors meeting for drug endangered children for tribal children. They are working on solutions for prescription drug addiction, marijuana, tobacco, and underage drinking. They would like to have community health workers in the clinics.

8. Cultural Closing

- Daryl Crawford gave the cultural closing.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.